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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: S. K. HESTER, et al. Conf.: 8001
Appl. No.: 09/648,672 Group: 2633
Filed: August 23, 2000 Examiner: David C. PAYNE
For: FAULT DETECTION AND ISOLATION IN AN OPTICAL NETWORK

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 11, 2005

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM							\$360	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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In reply to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amended Claim Set; and

Remarks.